

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2001-348-S - ORDER NO. 2001-1031
OCTOBER 26, 2001

IN RE:	Application of Midlands Utility, Inc. for)	ORDER APPROVING
	Approval of an Extension of Service Area to)	APPLICATION FOR
	Include Timberland Place Subdivision in)	EXTENSION OF
	Lexington County, South Carolina.)	SYSTEM

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of Midlands Utility, Inc. (Midlands or the Company) for Commission approval of an extension of service area to include Timberland Place Subdivision in Lexington County, South Carolina. This subdivision is in the vicinity of US Highway 1 in the Oak Grove Community.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the Company published a Notice of Filing one time in a newspaper of general circulation. The Company has provided proof that it followed the instructions of the Executive Director. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed. Accordingly, Midlands requests that we waive hearing in this matter and proceed with a ruling.

Commission Regulation 103-504 is pertinent to this Application. That regulation states that no existing public utility supplying sewerage disposal to the public shall extend its system without first obtaining from the Commission a certificate that the public convenience and necessity requires the extension of the system. Though the regulation

requires “due hearing,” we have commonly waived such a hearing when there is no opposition to an Application, as part of the public interest.

We waive the hearing in this matter and approve the Application as filed. It appears to this Commission that the subdivision in question needs the sewer service, and that the Company plans to charge its presently approved rates for its services. Accordingly, we believe that the public convenience and necessity requires the extension of the system, as per the regulation.

The Application is approved as filed, and the requisite certificate is granted. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)